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SUBJECT: GREECE-NATO RELATIONS - TROOP RECOMMITMENT

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- (B) USNATO 470, DTG 271800Z JAN 77;
- (C) USNATO 614, DTG 031930Z FEB 77;
- (D) USNATO 751, DTG 111200Z FEB 77;
- (E) USNMR SHAPE 041215Z NOV 76

1. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOW TAKE STEPS TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE TWO REMAINING ANOMALIES INVOLVED IN THE GREEK RECOMMITMENT OF NUCLEAR-CAPABLE UNITS.

2. FOR USNATO: THE FIRST ISSUE FLAGGED BY THE MISSION IN REF D, IS THAT GREECE IN ITS JAN 27 PRESENTATION (REF B) AS NOT MADE CLEAR THAT RECOMMITMENT OF NUCLEAR-CAPABLE UNITS HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE VIA THE DAVOS LETTER (REF E). ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO ADDRESS DELICATE PROBLEM OF COOPERATING WITH GREEK DELEGATION IN GETTING POINT ACROSS TO ALLIES THAT GREEKS IN FACT HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING AND SPECIFIC WITH REGARD TO KEY QUESTION OF FORCE COMMITMENT.

3. WE PROPOSE THAT MISSION DISCUSS WITH PANSAL AND/OR LUNS GREEK RECOMMITMENT OF NUCLEAR-CAPABLE FORCES AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- DAVOS LETTER OF OCTOBER 21 TO SACEUR PUT GREECE CLEARLY ON RECORD AS RECOMMITTING AS OF THAT DATE CERTAIN NUCLEAR-CAPABLE UNITS.

-- JANUARY 27 GREECE-NATO PAPER MENTIONS SAME UNITS AS SECRET

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DAVOS LETTER BUT MENTIONS NO DATE AND LEAVES QUESTION OPEN AS TO WHETHER RECOMMITMENT HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE (REF D).

-- TURKS ARE INTERPRETING PAPER AS MEANING GREEKS ARE STILL UNWILLING TO RECOMMIT FORCES TO NATO.

-- WE ASSUME THAT, PER DAVOS LETTER, RECOMMITMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. HOWEVER, RECORD SHOULD BE SET STRAIGHT SO GREECE-NATO DISCUSSIONS CAN EVENTUALLY PROCEED ON PROPER FOOTING. ALLIES NEED TO KNOW WHAT GREECE HAS DONE.

-- LUNS OR PANSAL MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH GREEK PERMREP, POINTING OUT THAT JANUARY 27 LANGUAGE, WHILE FORTHCOMING, IS NOT AS CLEAR AS DAVOS LETTER ON RECOMMITMENT OF NUCLEAR UNITS. WE BELIEVE FACT OF THAT RECOMMITMENT SHOULD BE CLARIFIED FOR THE OTHER CONCERNED ALLIES.

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TO ELIMINATE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BY TELLING OTHER
ALLIES THAT GREEK NUCLEAR-CAPABLE UNITS ARE IN FACT
NOW IN "NATO EARMARKED" CATEGORY. PANSAS MIGHT SAY THAT,
AS INDICATED IN JANUARY 27 PRESENTATION, QUESTIONS OF
MILITARY PLANNING, DPQ PARTICIPATION, ETC., WILL BE
RESOLVED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS BUT NUCLEAR-CAPABLE UNITS
HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO NATO AS FIRST STEP. ALTERNATIVELY,
GREEK PERMREP MIGHT SEND LETTER CONVEYING THESE POINTS
TO PANSAS AS ADDENDUM TO JANUARY 27 PAPER.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS MISSION MIGHT HAVE ON
ABOVE COURSE OF ACTION, AS WELL AS REACTIONS OF LUNS
AND PANSAS.

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5. FOR ATHENS - REGARDING SECOND ISSUE, EMBASSY SHOULD
APPROACH CAMBIOTIS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GREEK OFFICIAL ON
TWO NUCLEAR-CAPABLE NIKE SQUADRONS NOT INCLUDED FOR
EARMARKING IN DAVOS LETTER PER PARA 9 REF A.

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